

DAVIS AGREES COAL STRIKE INEVITABLE

Lewis Tells Him All Work Will Stop Automatically, April 1.

NO HOPE FOR PARLEY

Miners' Leader Charges Plot to Send Fuel Prices Soaring.

WILL NOT ASK U. S. AID

Union Workers Still Willing to Meet Operators, Secretary of Labor Is Informed.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Secretary of Labor Davis and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, exchanged views today on the threatening situation in the bituminous coal industry, and both were said after their conference to be of the opinion that a national strike in the union fields was inevitable.

Mr. Lewis assured Mr. Davis again of the willingness of the miners' union to open negotiations for a new national wage contract, a proposition which mine operators are refusing to entertain.

Later Mr. Lewis declared the cessation of work in the union mines after April 1 was "coming about automatically," and asserted that "a bold commercial policy of the operators, for which the public must pay," was in part responsible.

"If there is no conference between the miners' union and the operators," he added, referring to the bituminous situation, "there can be no wage contract drawn up. If there is no wage contract, there won't be any coal dug after April 1 in union mines."

Mr. Lewis accused mine operators' associations which have sought local conferences with the union, looking to the construction of district contracts, of "playing for position," and "shooting propaganda." Operators in certain districts, he insisted, "would like to get an exclusive right to the coal market after April 1, when all other mines are shut up," but could not make wage contracts until the basis for a national scale had been laid by a wage contract in the central competitive field, "which will determine the wages and costs their competitors have to meet, and fix the relationships in the coal market."

Meanwhile, he declared, "coal companies can make a lot of money" by refusing to enter conferences, "getting out strike scares and frightening consumers into paying high prices for coal."

Mr. Lewis came here today from Illinois and after his conference with Secretary Davis left with several representatives of the national union for New York, where the general scale committee of the union and the anthracite operators are in session to consider terms of a new wage contract. Mr. Lewis said he would "make no requests of any kind of the Government."

MINERS' STRIKE WILL INVOLVE 450,000 MEN

Hard and Soft Coal Wage Contracts End March 31.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 14.—Extent of the coal strike, set to begin in a fortnight and involving at least 450,000 miners, now hinges on a settlement in the anthracite field and on decisions that may be made by the policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America affecting the bituminous coal industry. For the first time, wage contracts for both fields expire on March 31, indicating the possibility of a complete cessation of work at all union operated mines.

For the soft coal industry no hope is entertained by Government officials or those of the union of getting a conference to negotiate a contract for the central competitive field, comprising western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, which the union has insisted must be the basis of contracts for other bituminous fields, as in the past. Any change in this policy rests with the union's policy committee, which is expected to be called into session before April 1.

COAL STRIKE HINGES ON CONFERENCE HERE

Still Possible to Avert It, Says John L. Lewis.

There is still a possibility that the coal strike may be averted, according to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, who arrived from Washington last night for a conference today with the anthracite operators. Mr. Lewis was not hopeful, however.

The scale committee of the three anthracite districts consisting of forty members, headed by Mr. Lewis, will meet the operators' committee at the Hotel Pennsylvania at 2 o'clock, and present nineteen demands and three "statements of policy." The operators will reply Friday.

Mr. Lewis said no violence is expected in a strike. There is a "rag and hobnob" of strike breakers in the anthracite field, but that was to be expected. He said the price of coal was already too high and the operators would profit \$20,000,000 on March production alone by maintaining the strike scare.

DROP IN PRICE OF SHOES.

Reduction Follows 10 Per Cent. Wage Cut in Brockton.

BROCKTON, Mass., March 14.—A reduction in the price of shoes was announced today by the manufacturers of this city and the Old Colony district generally, comprising one of the largest men's shoe making centers in the country. Although authoritative announcement of the amount of the cut is lacking, it is understood to be between 25 and 50 cents a pair, wholesale price. The price reduction follows immediately the award last night of a wage cut of 10 per cent.

INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS TO BE WITHIN \$1,600,000,000

Treasury Officials Believe Almost Five Million Payers Will Be on Rolls or Nearly as Many as in 1921.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., March 14.

Income tax collections of 1922 will total not more than \$1,600,000,000, Treasury officials estimated today.

Receipts ranged up to \$4,000,000,000 during the boom period following the armistice.

The yield from the first instalment of current income taxes which, under the law, must be paid before tomorrow midnight, is expected to be approximately \$400,000,000. Last year the March 15 collections ran above \$500,000,000.

The big drop in collections this year will be the result of economic depression, officials say. Higher exemptions of the 1922 revenue law also will reduce the total.

Whether the total number of Federal taxpayers will show a decrease this year is a matter of speculation. More than five million persons were on the Government's rolls in 1921. Higher exemptions this year will relieve some persons of paying a tax, but the Internal Revenue Bureau is continually

seeking out those who evaded payment of taxes. In addition the income and earnings of many persons increased during 1921 despite poor business conditions. These factors are expected to neutralize each other. The conclusion is that nearly five million persons will pay taxes this year, or practically the same number as in 1921.

Under directions from Washington all district offices are to remain open until tomorrow to receive tax duplicates. To assist taxpayers in an understanding of the new revenue law special agents are at work in every district. Persons who are uncertain as to what exemptions to claim and as to correct method of filing returns are asked to seek advice from the district agents.

No taxpayer need retain legal services to assist in making out his return. Federal officials emphasized here today. In fact, the Internal Revenue Bureau isn't sure it likes to have so-called tax experts help taxpayers make out their returns. In a large number of cases this leads to controversies with the bureau.

SHERIFF PUTS BAN ON MASS PICKETING

Textile Strikers Meet Force of Armed Deputies.

PROVIDENCE, March 14.—A ban on mass picketing in Providence county, which includes in its area half the mills affected by the Rhode Island Textile strike, was announced today by Sheriff Jonathan Andrews of this county. The cities of Providence, Pawtucket and Woonsocket are in the territory covered by the order.

Last week representatives of the textile manufacturers asked Gov. San Souci for protection against "illegal mass picketing."

"I want to make it plain that I am not stopping picketing," Sheriff Andrews declared in announcing his policy. "I am simply stopping mass picketing. If the strikers want to send twenty-five men or so to do picket duty I will be glad to have them come. I will not, however, allow 100 or 200."

County Deputy Sheriffs, some of them armed with repeating rifles, enforced the edict this morning when a crowd of strike sympathizers from Pawtucket sought to reach the Glenlyon print works of the Sayles finishing plants at East Providence.

Announcement by Gov. San Souci that conditions in the Pawtucket Valley now were such as to allow early withdrawal of at least part of the troops stationed there was another development in the situation. About 250 National Guardsmen have been on duty in the valley since the February 20 riots at Natick and Pawtucket. Troops still will be maintained on strike duty in the Blackstone Valley, Mayor Robert A. Kenyon of Pawtucket advising the Governor today that the situation there required their continued presence.

2 WOMEN ON ARBUCKLE JURY.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Six jurors had been accepted tentatively at the close of today's session of the third manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle. Two were women.

The prosecution attempted to ask one of the women members of the venire what she would do if it were shown that Arbuckle had told three different versions of events at a party in his hotel apartment here September 5, 1921, which were followed four days later by the death of Virginia Rapp. The defense's objections to the questions were sustained.

WOMEN ARE LURES, SCULPTOR EXPLAINS

MacMonnies, Defending His 'Civic Virtue,' Defines the Allegory of Sex.

Poor, neglected Nathan Hale, who died regretting that he had only one life to give for his country, and whose own good name might to-day be under a cloud if it had not been for the historical research of David Hunsfield, looked from his pedestal in City Hall Park yesterday toward the fountain where, in a few more days, the four grinning dolphins will be joined by a marble group called "Civic Virtue"—that much disputed work of art which shows a Babe Ruth like individual of magnificent physique but questionable chivalry trampling two lovely sirens underfoot and raising with a sort of defiant triumph above their damning allegations.

In his dim studio in West Tenth street, Frederick MacMonnies, sculptor, whose art is responsible for both the statue of Nathan Hale and that of "Civic Virtue," stopped sculpting long enough to sit down and explain and defend patiently the symbolism of this boor, this roughneck, who represents Virtue.

In the first place, Mr. MacMonnies said he doubted whether Mayor Hylan, as reported, really had found the symbolism distasteful to his ingrained gallant attitude toward the ladies. The sculptor intimated, moreover, that he considered Mayor Hylan a remarkable man to be able to stand up under the many jests that are cast in his direction and still wax fat and strong.

"My sense of humor," said Mr. MacMonnies, weighing each word carefully, "would prevent me from making a group which would show a woman spurning two or more vicious, attractive males. That would be ridiculous."

"In fact, I consider the work compulsory to the ladies. Far from being a slam at them, it is quite the contrary. But it is purely an allegory. The most widely accepted and happy of people, as the statue of woman, and it had been that way ever since the world first became acquainted with the story of Adam and Eve. It was Eve who did the tempting and it was Adam who succumbed. "We are getting ahead, Adam, as I say, succumbed, but in this group man at last, does not fall. Yes, we are progressing. As to the figure of a man, as the statue of man, it is quite evident that Virtue must be militant. It must rise above temptation, or else it is not virtue. Woman, allegorically, is the accepted form of temptation, so what's wrong with that?"

"Maybe in twenty-five years we can show a woman representing Virtue, and spurning the tempting males, but not now—not now."

The statement of Miss Mary Garrett Hay, chairman of the New York City League of Women Voters, that a man and woman, hand in hand, mounting confidently and happily a difficult pedestal, was a good idea for "Civic Virtue," was called to the attention of Mr. MacMonnies.

"All right for Mendelssohn's Wedding March, but not for Civic Virtue," responded Mr. MacMonnies shortly. "The same goes for the opinion of Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, who agreed with Miss Hay, and said that Mr. MacMonnies' statue does not represent accurately the spirit of the times. It appears to be the opinion of the forward looking women of this city that, despite the unquestioned beauty of the group, it is hardly modern."

Many suggestions for a group which should truly represent "Civic Virtue" have been received by the Municipal Art Commission. Of course none of them will be considered for it is too late, and the statue of Roughneck trampling Sirens will come down from the barn of the Piccirilli brothers, marble chiselers of The Bronx, to take its place in history along with Nathan Hale.

WOODS HURLS FILTH SLUR BACK AT BRADY

Former Names 'The Turtle' and 'Baby Mine' as Forerunners of the 'Demi-Virgin.'

Stirred by William A. Brady's reference to him in his speech at the Commodore Hotel on Sunday night, A. H. Woods replied to his fellow manager in definite terms yesterday. Mr. Woods, producer of "The Demi-Virgin," which has won in two court proceedings to suppress it at first declined to make any comment on the Brady speech, but he had been roused by Mr. Brady's statement that "any producer of filthy plays, whether it be Al Woods or another, should go to prison," and changed his mind as to staying silent.

Mr. Woods' statement follows: "Some years ago a certain newspaper critic began a review of a play called 'The Turtle' by saying he wouldn't take Little Egypt to see 'The Turtle.' That's how bad he thought it was. The producer of 'The Turtle,' which is still remembered for its immorality, was Mr. William A. Brady."

"One of the first, if not the first, so-called 'bedroom' farces produced in Broadway was called 'Baby Mine.' The producer of 'Baby Mine,' still remembered for its suggestiveness, was William A. Brady."

"For purposes of identification I wish to add that this is the same Mr. William A. Brady, who in a speech at the Commodore Hotel the other evening, is reported as having made the following statement:

"I raise my voice in protest against what Al Woods represents. He has no right to ride the theater in New York State into damnation. Any man who deliberately produces a play of the vile, dirty, filthy kind should go to prison, whether it be Al Woods or any other producer."

"In order to give you an even more accurate portrait of Mr. Brady I wish to introduce him as the gentleman who recently offered \$300,000 for a prize fight between Jack Dempsey and the negro fighter, Harry Wills—a spectacle that promises to be so elevating that it is almost certain that not a State in the Union will permit it to take place. The consequences of the Jeffries-Johnson fight are still vividly remembered by representing Virtue, it is quite evident that Virtue must be militant. It must rise above temptation, or else it is not virtue. Woman, allegorically, is the accepted form of temptation, so what's wrong with that?"

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MIXED JERSEY JURY DEADLOCKED A DAY

Six Women and Six Men Silent on 24 Hour All Night Disagreement.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, TRENTON, March 14.—Another mixed jury, composed of six men and six women, spent all night in the Mercer County Court room and returned just before noon today without having reached an agreement.

Three women had served last week on a similar jury, which had an almost identical experience. The principal difference being that then the jury began deliberations late in the afternoon and returned after being out nineteen hours, while this jury spent nearly twenty-four hours in considering the case.

Determined to prevent a repetition of the stories of card playing, sleeping and other incidents which leaked from the jury of last week, the jurors in the second all night case entered into a solemn agreement not to discuss what transpired in the jury room.

All attempts made to interview the jurors today met with rebuffs, the only information obtained, and that indirectly, being that none of the jurors went to sleep during the night. The case was a civil action in which Mr. and Mrs. John Sipski and Anton Smith, all of Robinsonville, sued the Public Service Railway Company for an aggregate of \$35,000 damages for injuries received in an automobile accident. Mrs. Adeline B. Emmons was foreman of the jury.

CANADIAN TRADE IMPROVES.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 14.—Canadian trade is again on the up grade. Recent improvements in exchange and in the volume of employment are reflected in increased trade for February as compared with the previous month. Official statistics show the total trade for February as \$101,298,728, compared with \$98,675,987 in January.

HYLANS GOING TO SEAGATE.

Mayor Hylan and his family are planning to take a cottage at Sea Gate for the summer. Real estate men at this shore resort are excited over two visits they have made to look over available properties. Alfred E. Smith has been a summer resident of Sea Gate for two years and is planning to return.

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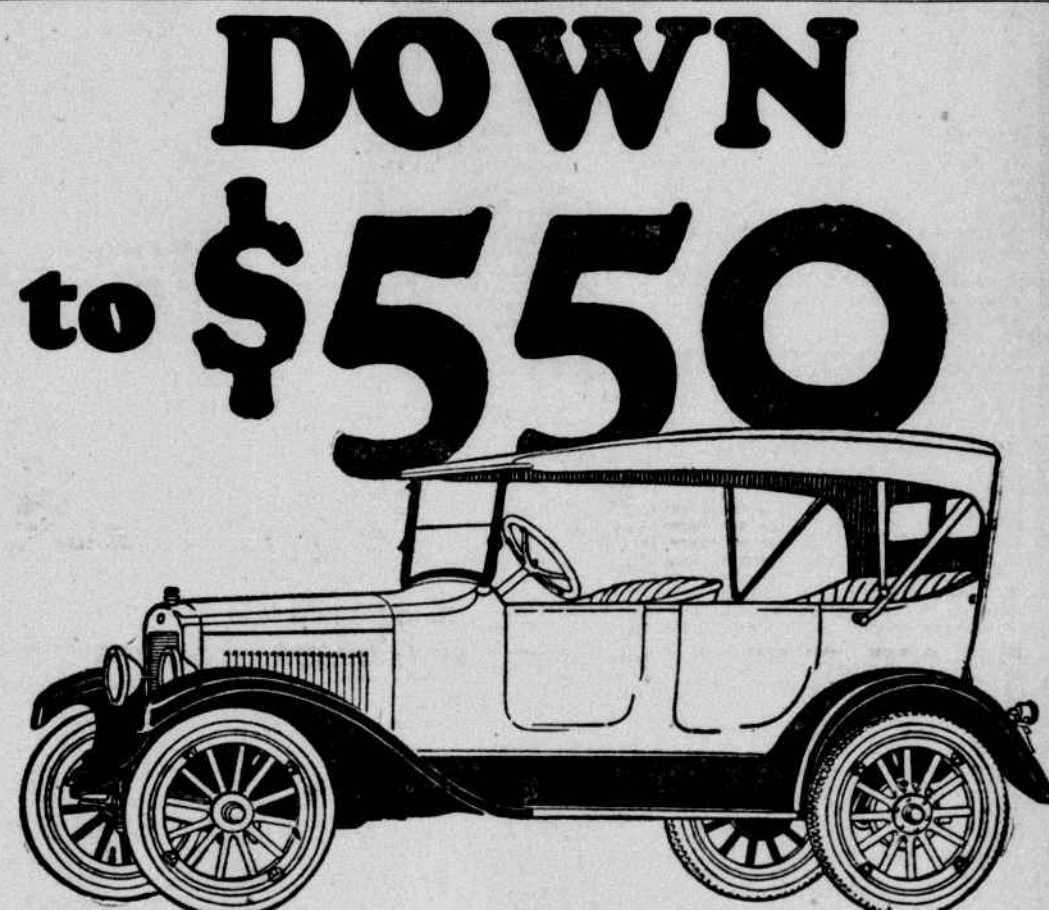
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